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REMARKS

Claims 3, 7-11, 15, 17, and 19-28 are pending. Claims 3, 7-11, 15, and 17 have been amended. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 12-14, 16, and 18 have been canceled. Claims 25-28 are new.

The Office Action mailed on September 3, 2004, objected to claim 4 for dependence on a rejected base claim, and indicated that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. This Amendment has done so by amending independent claim 3, the only claim from which claim 4 depended, to include the recitations of claim 4. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 3 and its dependent claims 7-11 and 19-22 are allowable.

In addition, the recitations of claim 4 have been incorporated into independent claim 15, and thus it is submitted that claim 15 and its dependent claims 17, 23, and 24 are allowable. New claims 25-28 also include the recitations of claim 4, and so these claims are allowable for at least the same reasons.

With respect to the Action's comments on JP403076449A to Morisono, it should be recognized that Morisono describes dedicated communication, e.g., the use of the address of the termination terminal equipment. This is in contrast to Applicant's claims, which relate to common communication, e.g., shared services. Moreover, as indicated by the Examiner, <u>radio</u> frames are not used in communication according to the solution in Morisono. The terminal equipment in Morisono does not identify blocks based on their size. Since Morisono utilizes dedicated communication, it has no need for in-band identification. This is in contrast to Applicant, who utilizes shared communication, and thus can use in-band identification.

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In light of these amendments and Remarks, it is respectfully requested that the pending claims be allowed. An early Notice to this effect is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions, the undersigned attorney may be telephoned at the number given below. The Examiner may note that a Change of Correspondence Address and a Power of Attorney to Prosecute are filed on the same day as this submission and accompanying Request.

Respectfully submitted,

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